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TAGS: UR UNGA
SUBJECT: GROMYKO'S SPEECH TO UNGA

REF: USUN 3345

1. USING REFTTEL AS A BASE,
EMBASSY WOULD ADD FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING GROMYKO'S
UNGA ADDRESS:

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GROMYKO'S TWO CRITICAL
PARAGRAPHS ON EFFORTS TO ATTACH A "DEFENSIVE"
CHARACTER TO "CERTAIN NON-MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS OF
GOVERNMENTS" REFER SPECIFICALLY TO ASEAN AND
REPRESENT A HARDENING OF OFFICIAL SOVIET POSITION
TOWARD THAT ORGANIZATION. IF THIS ANALYSIS IS VALID,
THIS MAY REPRESENT A SOVIET SOP TO SRV ON
ITS ACCESSION TO UN MEMBERSHIP.

3. EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT GROMYKO WAS
RELATIVELY RESTRAINED IN DISCUSSING SOVIET
POLICY TOWARD DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA,
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RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA. NATURALLY HE SPOKE
OUT AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND
APARTHEID, CALLED FOR OBSERVANCE OF APPROPRIATE
UN RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARED SOVIET SOLIDARITY
WITH PEOPLES STRUGGLING TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM
AND RACISM. BUT HIS LANGUAGE ON THIS SUBJECT
LACKED MILITANCY AND, BY IGNORING THE ANGLO-

AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT, HE DID NOT, AT LEAST AT THIS JUNCTURE, THROW A SOVIET MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE WORKS.

4. GROMYKO'S SACRCASTIC COMMENTS ON N-S DIALOGUE DO NOT CONTAIN ANY SURPRISES, BUT DO SERVE TO INDICATE THAT SOVIET ARE A LONG WAY FROM ACCEPTING EVEN THE WESTERN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

5. PRAVDA (SEPT. 28) TEXT IS CURIOUSLY ABRIDGED FROM ENGLISH TASS VERSION. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DONE SIMPLY TO BE ABLE TO FIT SPEECH ON ONE PAGE SINCE OMISSIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. OF SIX OMITTED PASSAGES ONLY ONES WHICH SEEM INTERESTING ARE THOSE WHICH-

--NOTE THAT MOSCOW SEEKS NO PRIVILEGES OR BASES IN AFRICA;

--PUT RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS IN AFRICAN CONTEXT;
(A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO DISUPTE IN HORN); AND

--CALL ON COUNTRIES TO ACCEDE TO VARIOUS NUCLEAR WEAPON TREATIES (NPT, SEABED, ETC.), WE READ NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE INTO THESE EDITORIAL DELETIONS SINCE OBVIOUSLY GROMYKO SPEECH AS DELIVERED, UN HANDOUTS, AND TASS
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